

# PROJECT FACT SHEET

# Oyster Revitalization in the Delaware Bay Delaware and New Jersey

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**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS:** Reps. Castle (DE-AL), LoBiondo (NJ-2)

## **APPROPRIATION / PHASE:**

**BUSINESS PROGRAM:** 

Continuing Authorities / Feasibility

**Ecosystem Restoration** 

**AUTHORITY:** Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended: Ecosystem Restoration.

**LOCATION:** The study area includes all of Delaware Bay both New Jersey and Delaware.

**DESCRIPTION:** The native oyster population in the Delaware Bay has been threatened with extinction. This project will build upon previous successful efforts to restore the natural oyster beds through shell planting, transplanting, and environmental monitoring.

**STATUS:** The first \$100,000 of the FY09 funding would be used to conduct a Feasibility Study and prepare a PCA. The remaining funds (\$1,900,000) would be used for shell planting, transplanting, and an environmental monitoring program.

### FINANCIAL

<b>DATA (\$000)</b>	Fed	Non-Fed	Total
Feasibility	100	0	100

#### BUDGET

<b>DATA (\$000)</b>		Comments
FY 07	0	
FY 08	0	
FY 09	TBD	

**SPONSOR:** Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

**COMMENTS:** The total cost of the Feasibility Phase will not exceed \$100,000 and will therefore not require cost sharing.

**CRITICAL ISSUES**: None

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